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TAGS: PINR, PINS, PINT, NU
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S HOUSE ATTACKED

1. EMB HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT FORMIN QUINTANA'S HOUSE WAS ATTACKED DURING THE MORNING OF 2 AUGUST. DETAILS INDICATE THAT A TAXI PASSED THE HOUSE AND THREW ONE OR MORE BOMBS AT THE HOUSE AND ALSO FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS AT IT. FORMIN AND HIS FAMILY WERE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK, HOWEVER, NO ONE HAS BEEN REPORTED INJURED. THERE WAS SOME PROPERTY DAMAGE DONE.

2. PUBLIC REPORTS IN LA PRENSA AND NOVEDADES INDICATE THAT, A PCN MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION TO THE COLOMBIAN INAUGURATION (WHICH QUINTANA WILL HEAD) WAS AT THE FORMIN'S HOUSE AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK. APPARENTLY, DR. AGAPITO FERNANDEZ, THE PCN MEMBER, OFFERED TO DRIVE QUINTANA IN HIS CAR AND THIS RESULTED IN THE FORMIN NOT BEING AT THE REAR OF THE HOUSE (FROM WHICH HE NORMALLY
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DEPARTS) DURING THE ATTACK. NOVEDADES REPORTS THAT AT LEAST FIFTY SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE HOUSE FROM MACHINE GUNS AND ONE FRAGMENTATION GRENADE THROWN BY THE THREE PERSONS BELIEVED INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK. HOWEVER, THUS FAR, ONLY THE DRIVER OF THE TAXI (WHICH WAS REPORTED STOLEN) HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED AS DETAINED--RAISING DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER THE ATTACKERS ARE ACTUALLY IN CUSTODY.

3. COMMENT: THIS ATTACK REPRESENTS AN ESCALATION OF
ATTACKS ON GON MEMBERS. EMB BELIEVES GON WILL STEP
UP SECURITY MEASURES FOR KEY OFFICIALS, BUT, THUS FAR,
APPEARS TO BE UNSUCCESSFUL IN COPING WITH SUCH ATTACKS.
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